Post Office	City	No. of machines supplied
HASSAN HO	HASSAN	2
K.R. CIRCLE	BANGALORE	1
KOLAR PO	KOLAR	2
KUNDAPUR HO	KUNDAPUR	1
MANDYA HO	MANDYA	2
MANGALORE HO	MANGALORE	5
MANIPAL HO	MANIPAL	1
MYSORE HO	MYSORE	5
NANJANGUD HO	NANJANGUD	2
PUTTUR HO	PUTTUR	2
SARASWATHI PURAM PO	MYSORE	2
SHIMOGA HO	SHIMOGA	2
SRIRANGAPATNA HO	SRIRANGAPATNA	2
SSP OFFICE MYSORE	MYSORE	1
TUMKUR HO	TUMKUR	2
UDUPI HO	UDUPI	2
REGION TOTAL :	TOTAL :	42 — III
GRAND TOTAL : I+II+III		137

Priority in the Allotment of STD/ISD Public Call Offices

*225. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that priority/reservation is given/made in the allotment of STD/ISD public call offices to persons belonging to some categories;

(b) if so, what are the details of groups/classes/castes which fall in priority categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that Other Backward Classes have not been accorded any priority in this scheme of things;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are considering their inclusion soon; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Certain categories of persons are given preference for allotment of STD PCOs. However, no specific reservation is made.

(b) The preferential categories are Handicapped including blind persons, SC/ST applicants, Ex-servicemen/War-widows, Retired DOT employees or their dependents, freedom fighters or their dependents and Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.

(c) to (f) As STD/ISD PCOs are allotted only to the educated unemployed, it is expected that all economically weaker sections including those in the other Backward Classes would be benefitted by the existing policy.

वडोदरा-सूरत में विद्युत-इंजनों का रख-रखाव

*226. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कई महत्वपूर्ण रेल लाइनों का विद्युतीकरण कार्य पूरा हो जाने से विद्युत इंजनों के रख-रखाव की मांग बढ़ गई है;

(ख) क्या एक अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण खंड वडोदरा-सूरत